



PETITION FOR ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, OR REPEAL OF A STATE ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

Print Form

In accordance with [RCW 34.05.330](#), the Office of Financial Management (OFM) created this form for individuals or groups who wish to petition a state agency or institution of higher education to adopt, amend, or repeal an administrative rule. You may use this form to submit your request. You also may contact agencies using other formats, such as a letter or email.

The agency or institution will give full consideration to your petition and will respond to you within 60 days of receiving your petition. For more information on the rule petition process, see Chapter 82-05 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=82-05>.

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COMPLETING AND SENDING PETITION FORM

- Check all of the boxes that apply.
- Provide relevant examples.
- Include suggested language for a rule, if possible.
- Attach additional pages, if needed.
- Send your petition to the agency with authority to adopt or administer the rule. Here is a list of agencies and their rules coordinators: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser/Documents/RClst.htm>.

INFORMATION ON RULE PETITION

Agency responsible for adopting or administering the rule: Washington State Gambling Commission

1. NEW RULE - I am requesting the agency to adopt a new rule.

The subject (or purpose) of this rule is: Restiction of Employee Gaming

The rule is needed because: Integrity of Gaming, Employee Protection

The new rule would affect the following people or groups: Any employee of a House Banked Card Room who is licensed with the WSGC

2. AMEND RULE - I am requesting the agency to change an existing rule.

List rule number (WAC), if known: _____

I am requesting the following change: _____

This change is needed because: _____

The effect of this rule change will be: _____

The rule is not clearly or simply stated: _____

3. REPEAL RULE - I am requesting the agency to eliminate an existing rule.

List rule number (WAC), if known: _____

(Check one or more boxes)

It does not do what it was intended to do.

It is no longer needed because: _____

It imposes unreasonable costs: _____

The agency has no authority to make this rule: _____

It is applied differently to public and private parties: _____

It conflicts with another federal, state, or local law or rule. List conflicting law or rule, if known: _____

It duplicates another federal, state or local law or rule. List duplicate law or rule, if known: _____

Other (please explain): _____

The Gambling Code in combination with Gambling Commission rules currently requires certain employees of certain gambling facilities to have individual licenses. These employees include:

- **dealers;**
- **employees collecting fees;**
- **employees supervising a card game**
- **casino employees (e.g., pit boss or floor person);**
- **employees selling or redeeming chips;**
- **employees performing cashier or cage duties like counting/handling chips or cash, completing credit slips or inventory slips, or accounting for other casino receipts in the cage;**
- **employees observing dealers and card room employees to detect cheating or perform control functions; or employees taking part in the operation of a card game.**

This proposed rule change would prohibit any WSGC licensed employee from gambling in any house banked card room in which they have an active gambling license.

It is the responsibility of the licensee to report and stop all employee gaming. If observed or suspected such activities are occurring at your premises or any other location, you must contact your nearest field office or report online at www.wsgc.wa.gov .

No administrative charges will be brought against a licensee that reports a violation to commission staff within 24 hours of finding it unless the director determines there are extenuating circumstances. You may accomplish this by leaving a voice or email message with the area agent and immediately correct the violation.

The WSGC will aggressively pursue any suspected employee gaming or other illegal activities, and the Commission will work closely with local law enforcement to end those activities.

If you or your employees are involved in any employee gaming or allow them to continue at your business, The WSGC will have no choice but to take appropriate actions. These actions may result in the loss of your license(s) and criminal prosecution.

WSGC agents will continue to make announced and unannounced visits to licensed premises to monitor compliance with this rule.